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Secretary of the Navy
John B. Connally Jr.
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Dear Sir.

I wish to call your attention to a case about which you may have personal knowledge since you are a resident of Fort Worth as I am.

In March 1959 an article was published in the Fort Worth newspapers concerning a person who sent you a letter from Russia requesting assistance, (much in the same way E. Hemingway resided in Paris.)

This person in answer to previous publicity regarded in Moscow citizenship status of American life, the story was blown up into motion picture proportions with the result that the navy department gave this person a belated dishonorable discharge, although he had received an honorable discharge after three years service on Sept. 11, 1959 at El Toro, marine corps base in California.

These are the basic facts of my case:

I have and always had the full sanction of the U.S. Embassy, Moscow U.S.S.R. and have the U.S. government. In as much as I am returning to the U.S.A. in the year with the aid of the U.S. Embassy bring with me my family (since I married in the U.S.S.R.) I shall employ all means to right this gross mistake or injustice to a born-free U.S. citizen and ex-service man. The U.S. government has no charges or complaints against me. I ask you to look into this case and take the necessary steps to repair the damage done to me and my family. For information I would direct you to consult the American Embassy, Chkalovsk str. 19/21, Moscow, USSR.